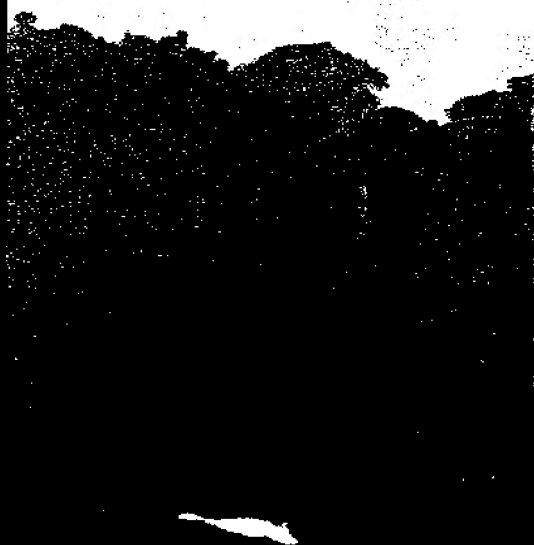




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AUSTRALIA

at a glance

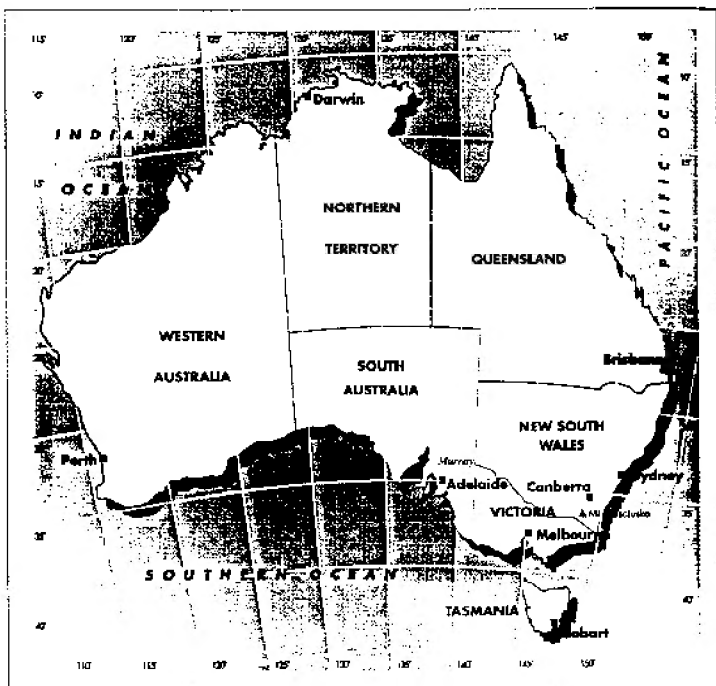


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Australia comprises a land area of 7,682,300 square kilometres. The land lies between latitudes 10° 41' South (Cape York) and 43° 39' South (South East Cape, Tasmania) and between longitudes 113° 09' East (Steep Point) and 153° 39' East. (Cape Byron).

The area of Australia is almost as great as that of the United States of America (excluding Alaska), about 50% greater than Europe (excluding former USSR) and 32 times greater than the United Kingdom.

Australia is composed of six States: New South Wales (NSW), Victoria (Vic.), Queensland (Qld), South Australia (SA), Western Australia (WA), Tasmania (Tas.) and two Territories: the Northern Territory (NT) and the Australian Capital Territory (ACT). The longest river in Australia is the Murray River. (2,520 kilometres), which forms a natural border between the NSW and Vic. The highest mountain in Australia is Mount Kosciusko. 2,230 metres, which is situated in NSW.



State/ Territory	Area '000 km ²	Estimated resident population June '95p '000	Capital city	Estimated resident population of city June '95p '000
NSW	802	6 115	Sydney	3 773
Vic.	228	4 502	Melbourne	3 218
Qld	1 727	3 277	Brisbane	1 489
SA	984	1 474	Adelaide	1 081
WA	2 526	1 732	Perth	1 263
Tas.	68	473	Hobart	195
NT	1 346	174	Darwin	79
ACT	(a)2	(b)304	Canberra	(b)304
Australia	7 682	(b)18 054	Canberra	(b)304

(a) Excludes Jervis Bay Territory.

(b) Includes Jervis Bay Territory.

AGRICULTURE

		1992-93	1993-94
Gross value of agriculture	\$m	r21 991	23 547
Crops	\$m	r10 737	11 516
Livestock slaughtering etc.	\$m	r6 033	6 853
Livestock products	\$m	r5 208	5 167
Wheat production	'000 t	14 739	16 479
Meat production (excluding poultry)	'000 t	2 798	2 817
Wool production	'000 t	(a)712 (b)844	(a)668 (b)784

(a) Agricultural Census data.

(b) Taxable wool received by brokers and dealers from wool producers

BALANCE OF PAYMENTS

		1992-93	1993-94
Balance on current account	\$m	-14 882	-16 654
Balance of merchandise trade			
(BOP basis)	\$m	591	-589
Net services	\$m	-2 188	-960
Net income	\$m	-13 947	-15 283
Net unrequited transfers	\$m	662	178
Balance on capital account	\$m	14 321	13 184
Total official	\$m	14 891	6 784
Total non-official	\$m	-569	6 400

Source: *Balance of Payments Summary* (original data).**BUILDING**

		1992-93	1993-94
New houses completed	'000	115	122
New other residential building completed	'000	41	46
Value of new residential building completed	\$m	13 240	14 464
Value of non-residential building completed	\$m	10 440	9 349

CLIMATE

Average temperature

	Average annual rainfall mm	Average daily hours of sunshine	January		
			Max. °C	Min. °C	Max. °C
Canberra	626	7.5	27.7	12.9	11.
Sydney	1 214	6.7	25.8	18.4	159
Melbourne	655	5.7	25.8	14.0	13.
Brisbane	1 151	7.5	29.4	20.8	20.
Adelaide	528	6.9	29.5	16.4	15.
Perth	873	7.9	29.6	17.7	17.
Hobart	628	5.9	21.5	11.7	11.
Darwin	1 661	8.4	31.7	24.8	30.

Hottest day ever recorded: 16.1.1889, 53.1°C, Concurry, Qld.

Coldest day ever recorded: 28.6.1994, -23.0°C, Charlotte Pass, NSW

Source: Bureau of Meteorology.

CONSUMER PRICE AND OTHER PRICE INDEXES

		1993-94	1994-95
Consumer Price Index weighted average of 8 capital cities.			
All groups	1989-90=100.0	110.3	113.9
Export	1989-90=100.0	91.8	94.7
Import	1989-90=100.0	115.6	114.8
Building materials-house	1985-86=100.0	112.0	115.4
Building materials-other	1989-90=100.0	107.5	110.4

Manufacturing				
Materials used	1984-85 = 100.0	124.6	128.1	n.y.a.
Manufacturing				
Articles produced	1988-89 = 100.0	115.5	118.1	121.1

DEMOGRAPHY		1993	1994	1995
Population at 30 June	'000	17 656.4	17 838.4	18 054.0
Aged less than 15 years	%	21.7	21.5	21.4
Aged 15-64 years	%	66.7	66.0	66.6
Aged 65 years and over	%	11.7	11.8	11.9
Births	'000	260	258	256
Overseas born mothers	%	24.3	24.0	24.1
Australian born mothers	%	75.7	76.0	75.9
Deaths	'000	122	127	125
Marriages	'000	113	111	109
Divorces	'000	48	48	50

Overseas movements of persons		1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
Net permanent and long-term movement	'000	63	67	93
Visitor arrivals, short-term	'000	2 786	3 169	3 535
Resident departures, short-term	'000	2 300	2 304	2 422

Birthplace major settler arrivals		1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
United Kingdom	no.	9 484	8 963	10 689
New Zealand	no.	6 694	7 772	10 498
Viet Nam	no.	5 651	5 434	5 097
Hong Kong	no.	6 520	3 333	4 135
Total all settler arrivals	no.	76 330	69 768	87 428

Birthplace major refugee arrivals		1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
Former Yugoslav Republics	no.	3 133	3 665	3 100
Viet Nam	no.	1 902	2 298	1 507
Former USSR and Baltic States	no.	1 605	820	1 032
Iraq	no.	1 333	949	2 245
Total all refugee arrivals	no.	10 907	11 350	13 632

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics and the Department of Immigration, Local Government and Ethnic Affairs.

EDUCATION

Expenditure(a)		1991-92	1992-93	1993-94
Government expenditure	\$m	20 438	21 479	22 125
Private expenditure	\$m	5 373	5 658	5 960

School students		1993	1994	1995
Government	'000	2 228.1	2 214.9	2 207.9
Non-government	'000	870.3	884.4	901.5
Total	'000	3 098.4	3 099.4	3 109.3

Technical and further education students(b)		1993	1994	1995
	'000	1 782.2	1 693.5	1 661.2

Higher education students(c)		1993	1994	1995
	'000	575.6	585.4	604.2

(a) Source: ABS *Expenditure and Education Australia* 1993-94 (5510.0).

(b) Source: National Centre for Vocational Education Research Limited.

(c) Source: Department of Employment, Education, Training and Youth Affairs.

EXCHANGE RATE (average)		1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
United States dollar	units per \$A	0.6919	0.7405	0.7630
United Kingdom pound	units per \$A	0.4622	0.4683	0.4938
German mark	units per \$A	1.1636	1.1040	1.1180
Japanese yen	units per \$A	73.00	69.86	78.33

Source: Reserve Bank of Australia — exchange rates are derived using rates in respect of each trading day.

FINANCE

Government finance		1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
Revenue (all governments)	\$m	139 328	149 505	160 998

Commonwealth income tax, persons	\$m	47 528	50 571	54 635
Other Commonwealth				
Government taxes	\$m	41 286	42 738	50 462
State and local government taxes	\$m	29 064	31 956	33 436
Total outlay (all governments)	\$m	163 593	165 322	177 054
Final consumption expenditure	\$m	67 144	69 714	72 316
Personal benefit payments to residents	\$m	46 015	49 697	51 714
Expenditure on new fixed assets	\$m	21 479	20 578	21 863

Private finance **1993-94 1994-95 1995-96**

Assets of selected financial institutions (June balances)

Banks(a)	\$m	412 842	437 903	486 652
FCA corporations(a)(b)	\$m	114 488	130 935	141 607
Statutory funds of life offices	\$m	114 674	118 520	126 067
Superannuation and approved deposit funds	\$m	122 198	134 072	152 026
Public unit trusts	\$m	37 982	41 220	48 479
Friendly societies	\$m	9 009	8 531	7 775
Common funds	\$m	4 884	4 165	4 592
Cash management trusts	\$m	5 915	5 625	7 031

Consumer finance commitments

housing finance to individuals	\$m	47 832	42 306	n.y.a.
Personal finance to individuals	\$m	25 243	28 514	n.y.a.

(a) Source: Reserve Bank of Australia.

(b) Includes corporations registered as categories A to G under the Financial Corporation Act, such as building societies, credit unions and money market corporations.

HEALTH **1992-93 1993-94 1994-95**

Governments health expenditure(a)	\$m	r34 899	36 663	p38 356
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Beds at 30 June **1993 1994 1995**

Recognised (public) hospitals	no.	55 407	54 054	53 907
Private hospitals (licensed)	no.	r21 648	22 375	23 273
Day hospital facilities	no.	r614	291	314
All beds	no.	r77 669	76 720	77 494
Beds per 1000 population		4.4	4.32	4.32

Hospitals at 30 June **1993 1994 1995**

Recognised (public) hospitals	no.	696	681	688
Private hospitals	no.	r314	331	334
Day hospital facilities	no.	r89	109	127
All hospitals	no.	r1 099	1 121	1 149

Major causes of death

Heart disease	no.	37 252	38 253	n.y.a.
Malignant neoplasms (cancer)	no.	32 691	33 658	n.y.a.

(a) Source: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare.

Source: Department of Health and Family Services.

INTERNATIONAL COMPARISONS 1994-95

Country	Balance on merchandise trade \$US mill.	Consumer price index (all items) 1990=100.0	Producer price index 1990=100.0
Australia	-5 655	110.4	107.8
Canada	22 831	110.5	113.7
France	19 254	110.6	99.8
Germany	54 547	118.0	105.9
Italy	23 962	124.4	117.6
Japan	117 037	107.2	96.5
New Zealand	-202	109.1	108.6
OECD Major 7	n.c.	114.4	105.8
United Kingdom	-20 591	116.2	118.2
United States of America	-165 384	115.1	106.4

Country	Wages index 1990=100	Employment index 1990=100	Unemploy- ment rate %
Australia	109.6	103.0	8.2
Canada	112.8	102.1	9.5
France	114.4	99.0	11.6
Germany	125.3	99.1	8.2
Italy	125.5	93.9	12.2
Japan	108.3	103.2	3.2
New Zealand	107.3	108.5	6.3
OECD Major 7	115.7	101.8	6.7
United Kingdom	129.3	94.5	8.8
United States of America	112.6	105.4	5.5

INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT POSITION		1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
Net foreign liabilities at 30 June	\$m	216 767	237 735	259 717
Foreign investment in Australia	\$m	338 299	370 795	400 943
Australian investment abroad	\$m	121 532	133 060	141 226
Net foreign debt at 30 June	\$m	166 780	163 015	180 590
Foreign borrowing	\$m	208 876	206 948	223 927
Australian lending abroad and reserve assets	\$m	42 097	43 934	43 338
Ratio of net foreign liabilities at 30 June to GDP	%	53.6	55.4	57.0
Ratio of net foreign debt at 30 June to GDP	%	41.3	38.0	39.6

INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE TRADE		1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
Total exports f.o.b.	\$m	64 548	67 051	75 951
Total imports (customs value)	\$m	64 470	74 619	77 834
Percentage of total exports to				
Japan	%	24.7	24.3	21.6
ASEAN	%	13.4	15.5	15.4
EC	%	11.8	11.2	11.1
Percentage of total imports from				
Japan	%	18.2	17.1	13.9
United States of America	%	21.7	21.5	22.6
Major export commodities f.o.b.				
Machinery and transport equipment	\$m	7 502	8 137	9 661
Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	\$m	7 315	7 604	8 662
Coal, coke and briquettes	\$m	7 255	6 938	7 835
Gold, non-monetary	\$m	5 269	4 699	5 625
Meat	\$m	4 044	3 661	3 282
Non-ferrous metals	\$m	3 900	4 518	5 031
Wool, not carded/combed	\$m	2 907	3 416	2 271
Wheat	\$m	2 293	1 618	3 363
Major import commodities (customs value)				
Machinery	\$m	201 842	4 432	25 988
Transport equipment	\$m	8 728	10 728	10 494
Chemicals and related products	\$m	7 045	8 009	8 903

LABOUR FORCE		1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
Annual averages				
Employed persons	'000	7 780.6	8 093.1	8 299.7
Unemployed persons	'000	915.5	795.6	766.7
Unemployment rate	%	10.5	8.9	8.3
Job vacancies (per '000 unemployed)		47.3	77.1	76.8
Trade union membership, August	'000	2 376.9	2 283.4	2 251.8
Industrial disputes, work days lost, year ended 30 June	'000	530.0	579.7	n.a.

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MANUFACTURING

		1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
Basic iron	'000 t	6 445	7 210	7 210
Clay bricks	ML	1 722	1 814	1 814
Cement	'000 t	6 225	6 733	6 733
Beer	ML	1 805	1 752	1 752
Assembled motor vehicles	'000	290	321	321
Electricity	MkWh	159 872	161 813	161 813
Gas	mill. MJ	568 820	587 013	587 013
Electric motors	'000	2 847	2 990	2 990
Yarn — cotton	t	27 436	33 780	33 780
Yarn — wool	t	18 167	21 016	21 016

Census		1991-92	1992-93	1993-94
Employment at end of June(a)	'000	(c)921.5	(c)913.5	(c)913.5
Wages and salaries(b)	\$m	(c)27 294.3	(c)27 808.9	(c)28 111.1
Turnover	\$m	(c)167 917.3	(c)173 656.0	(c)183 911.1

(a) Includes working proprietors.

(b) Excludes the drawings of working proprietors.

(c) Adjusted for lags and leakages.

MINING

		1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
Iron ore and concentrates	'000 t	116 041	123 892	136 041
Black coal, raw	'000 t	222 504	221 783	238 041
Crude oil (incl. condensate)	ML	30 703	28 672	31 041
Natural gas	GL	23 959	26 114	29 041

Source: Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics.

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS

		1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
Gross domestic product (GDP)(1)	\$m	404 275	428 910	455 041
Gross farm product	\$m	11 361	11 954	12 041
GDP(A) at 1989-90 prices	\$m	380 233	396 963	414 041
Gross farm product at 1989-90 prices	\$m	14 630	15 019	15 041
Gross fixed capital expenditure — total	\$m	81 767	87 007	96 041
Gross fixed capital expenditure — pte	\$m	62 368	69 038	76 041
Household income	\$m	319 246	333 156	351 041
Private consumption expenditure	\$m	254 103	265 868	284 041

RETAIL TURNOVER

		1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
(excluding motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.)	\$m	104 424.1	112 244.6	120 704.1

TOURISM

Short-term travellers(a)		1993	1994	1995
Source country, major overseas visitors				
Japan	'000	670.8	721.1	780.1
New Zealand	'000	499.3	480.4	530.1
United Kingdom	'000	310.3	335.3	340.1
United States of America	'000	281.3	289.7	300.1
Total all visitors	'000	2 996.2	3 361.7	3 720.1
Major destinations of Australian travellers				
New Zealand	'000	347.2	353.3	370.1
United States of America	'000	300.1	288.3	310.1
United Kingdom	'000	241.1	254.5	260.1
Indonesia	'000	198.8	214.2	220.1
Total all travellers	'000	2 267.1	2 354.3	2 510.1

(a) Less than one year.

Accommodation

		1993	1994	1995
Hotels, motels, etc.				
Establishments	no.	4 932	4 819	4 819
Rooms available at 31 December	no.	166 743	166 963	169 041
Room nights occupied	'000	32 398	34 528	35 804
Takings from accommodation	\$m	2 626.1	2 935.2	3 280.1

Caravan parks

Establishments	no.	2 704	2 716	2 708
Sites available	no.	288 300	288 410	288 464
Site nights occupied	'000	45 133	45 930	46 155

Short term caravan parks

Sites available at 31 December	no.	188 934	190 774	196 583
Site occupancy rate	%	39.8	40.3	40.9
Takings from accommodation	\$m	229.8	250.0	272.4

Holiday flats, units and houses

Letting entities	no.	1 493	1 535	1 611
Units available at 31 December	no.	35 486	37 534	39 249
Unit nights occupied	'000	6 467	6 943	7 423
Unit occupancy rate	%	51.4	52.7	52.9
Takings from accommodation	\$m	383.3	337.4	394.0

TRANSPORT

1992-93 1993-94 1994-95

Motor vehicles on register, June (a)	'000	10 432	10 699	10 935
Cars and station wagons, June	'000	8 050	8 209	8 392
New motor vehicles registered (a)	'000	559	592	659

Civil aviation (passenger km):

Regular internal services	mil.	18 996	19 997	23 423
Overseas services (Qantas)	mil.	33 189	37 341	n.a.

(a) Includes motor cycles; excludes tractors, plant and equipment, caravans and trailers.

b. Source: Department of Transport — AVSTATS.

AGES, EARNINGS and HOURS

1993 1994 1995

Award rates of pay index, full-time adult employees at 30 June 1985=100.0		140.1	142.1	144.4
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Earnings and hours (includes over-time) full-time adult non-managerial employees, May

Average weekly total earnings	\$	601.50	623.00	655.50
Hours	no.	39.7	39.9	39.9

SYMBOLS and ABBREVIATIONS USED

Annual periods shown as, for example, 1994 refers to the year ended 31 December 1994; those shown as, for example, 1994-95 refer to the year ended 30 June 1995. Values are shown in Australian dollars (\$) unless another currency is specified. Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between the sums of the component items and totals.

Av — average	ML — megalitre
Cwth — Commonwealth	mm — millimetre
°C — degrees Celsius	n.a. — not available
\$A — Australian dollar	n.c. — not collected
\$m — million dollars	no. — number
excl. — excluding	n.y.a. — not yet available
f.o.b. — free on board	% — per cent
GL — gigalitre	p — preliminary data
incl. — including	pte — private
km² — square kilometres	r — revised data
max. — maximum	'000 — thousand
mil. — million	t — tonne
min. — minimum	
MJ — megajoule	
MkWht — mega kilowatt hours	

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